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Classified By: ECONOMIC UNIT CHIEF SHAWN GRAY FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

(C) Coordinator for Task Force Uruzgan, Maarten Boef, stated that there are limited resources to provide additional Election Support Forces (ESF). Pol-Mil Officer discussed points from reftels with Boef, who acknowledged the strategic importance of the elections and that the Dutch were "looking into" providing additional ESF. Boef commented that the Dutch agreed in principle with the estimate provided by Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe but stated there were very limited additional resources available. Boef was curious as to any discussions on the use of the NATO Response Force and what role, if any, it could play. He said he "looked forward" to receiving details on expected troop contributions and was appreciative of U.S. efforts to assist in encouraging contributors. Boef had no specific awareness of the RC-South plans for use of ESF but promised to provide information as it became available.  
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